

Iowa DNR/Household Hazardous Materials

Material: Mothballs

Potential Hazards: Mothballs may contain paradichlorobenzene or naphthalene. They are harmful if swallowed and contain harmful vapors. If inhaled, mothballs may irritate the nose, throat and respiratory tract. Ingestion may cause severe gastrointestinal distress. Seek medical attention immediately.

Recycle / Reuse: If you have leftover, unopened mothballs in usable condition, check with neighbors, church groups or the local community to see if they can use them. You may also take them to your local Regional Collection Center's swap shop for other residents to use.

Proper Disposal: Use this product up or take it to your local Regional Collection Center, find yours at iowadnr.gov/hhm under the RCC tab.

Green Alternatives: Use cedar chips. Clean clothes before storing. Shake and air clothes periodically.